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Now Rostow's Report

When Robert S. McNamara took over as Secretary of Defense, he found the armed forces operating on the basis of security policies laid down in 1953 B. former President Eisenflower and the then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Arthur W. Rudford, Mc-Namara promptly wrote but a directive - Prepare and draft a memorandum revising the basic national security policies and assumptions, including the assumptions relating to counter-force strikes and initiation of the use of tactical nuclear weapons"-and sent it along to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

What he wanted, in plain English, was: nothing less than a new statement of the U.S. policy on defense of itself and fts friends. The Joint Chiefs have never yet agreed on such a policy, because the Army, Navy, and Air Force have never been able to get together.

But they did write a fourteen-page paper on the subject, which is still pending before the National Security Council.

"Top-Level Comment: Its State Department counterpart emerged last week. A book 2 inches thick, 285 pages triple-spaced on legal-size paper, and bound in light-blue paper, was being circulated at the very top level of Defense and Style Department officials for

fense and State Department officials for "comments" by months in the works, it was written by Dr. Walt Whitman Rostow; former Thite House Defense aide and now Statist up planning officer.

Quoting I liberally from Winston Churchill, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution, Rostow points out that the ultimate U.S. objective is a peaceful world in which every nation is free, card determine its own destiny, guarantees individual liberty and rights, and good at by consent of the people.

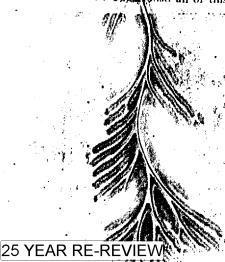
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lines the Kennedy Administration stars lly evolving doctrine of discrete that selective striking power, figure, and conventional, ranging upward from the merest "shaving of the day name foreign port to the histographing of motion installations before during said a any hostile action against the Ligh States or its allies. tarbent allery deers derive the die putto-between the Airidforced and the Army and Navy, Rostow leans toward the Army and Navy view that effective nuclear, striking power requires qualitative superiority but not massive stockpiles of nuclear weapons. Like ather President (box. page 26), Rostow, rejects the arrategy of pro-emptive attack; This before gues, could create uncertainty in the mind of a prospective enemy and the risk that he might miscalculate U.S. aims.

Sovjet and Red Chinese efforts to nile ble away at vulnerable areas, of the world, as in Laos or Korea, would be opposed, as now, by conventional and guerrilla torces. The U.S. aim, in such places, would be to encourage freedom and individual rights without attempting to make over other countries in the American image

The State Department sent draft copies to the Pentagon and other top security agencies for "emendation, and recommendations," Presumably, then the document will be presented to the Natitional Security Council sometime, later in the spring if this top-level seven plant group approves it MeNamura, then will get his up-to-date blueprint for defeate



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